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TO RAISE

Ten MILLIONS and Five Hundred
Thousand Pounds a Year,

To which is added,

A PROPOSAL publish'd in the Year 1740,

TO RAISE

Four Millions, at 3 per Cent.

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Five hundred and seventy thousand Pounds a Year,

To pay off the Money borrowed on the

Pot-Act, Soap, Candles, &c.

Without any ADDITIONAL TAX.

By an OFFICER of the Stamp-Duties.

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To the Right Honourable
The Lords Commissioners
OF HIS
MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

GIVE me Leave to inform your Lordships, that, in the Year, 1740, I printed a Proposal for altering the Laws relating to the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors; wherein I proposed to raise Five hundred seventy Thousand Pounds a Year, to pay off the Money borrowed on the *Pot-Act*, &c.

The said Proposal was directed to several Members of the honourable the House of Commons, and delivered at the Door of their House. The

The said Proposal was, the last Sessions o Parliament, partly put into Execution to the general Satisfaction of all his Majesty's faithful Subjects, and to the great Benefit of all those that are qualified to retale Spirituous Liquors.

I have the Vanity to think, if your Lordships will be so good as to give yourselves the Trouble to read over the said Proposal, you will allow it to be the original Cause of Repealing the *Pot-Act* and *Gin-Act*, and of raising one Million eight hundred thousand Pounds, by granting Licences to the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, and laying an additional Duty on Spirituous Liquors at the Still-Head.

The following Proposals, I hope, will gain your Lordships Approbation, they being calculated for the Benefit of the fair Trader, the honourable United *East-India* Company, the reclaiming of a profane, drunken, debauch'd, &c. Generation of poor People, whose Vices are become a Scandal and Reproach to this Nation.

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PROPOSAL

To Raise one Million at Three *per Cent.* and for increasing the *Stamp Duties* Sixty thousand Pounds a Year, by granting Licences to the wholefale Dealers and the Retailers of Tea: By which Means the Duties on Tea may be increas'd One hundred thousand Pounds a Year.



HEREAS the high Duties on Tea have not only induced great Numbers of stout, desperate Fellows to be concern'd in Running of Tea, but likewise, several thousand People to buy and sell Tea, by Wholesale and Retail, that has paid no Duty,

Therefore, to prevent the like evil Practices for the future, it is proposed, That no Person shall buy,
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or sell Tea, by Wholesale or Retale, without a Licence.

A Wholesale Dealer in Tea to pay Pounds a Year, or more for a Licence; a Retaler of Tea, wet or dry, to pay Twenty Shillings a Year for a Licence; every Person that supplies a Retaler with Tea, to be deem'd a Wholesale Dealer.

These Licences to be stamp't with the Duty at the *Stamp-Office* †, and granted (by the honourable Commissioners of the *Excise*, &c. in the same Manner Licences are now granted to the Retalers of Spirituous Liquors; or) by the Justices of the Peace, who now grant Licences, stamp't with a twelve-penny Stamp, to the Retalers of Spirituous Liquors; without which Licence, the Commissioners of the *Excise* will not grant to a Retaler of Spirituous Liquors, a Licence.

Every Wholesale Dealer, and-Retaler of Tea, shall cause to be written, in visible Characters, on their Signs, or over their Shop Doors, Warehouse Doors, &c. that Tea is sold by a licens'd Wholesale Dealer or licens'd Retaler of Tea.

If any Wholesale Dealer shall buy Tea of any other Person, than of a licens'd Wholesale Dealer, or at a publick Sale, to forfeit Pounds; and the Tea on Conviction, before Justices of the Peace, one half to his Majesty, the other half to the Informer.

† Wine Licences, and Licences for Hawkers and Pedlars, are stamp't at the *Stamp-Office*.

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If any licens'd Retailer of Tea, shall buy Tea of any other Person than of a licens'd Wholesale Dealer, shall forfeit Pounds; and the Tea on Conviction, before Justices of the Peace, one half to his Majesty, the other half to the Informer.

If any Person shall sell Tea, that is not licens'd, to forfeit Pounds; and the Tea on Conviction, before Justices of the Peace, one half to his Majesty, and the other half to the Informer.

If any Person shall buy Tea of any other Person than of a licens'd Dealer in Tea, to forfeit Pounds on Conviction before two Justices of the Peace, one half to the Poor of the Parish, the other half to the Informer.



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PROPOSAL

To enable the Honourable United *East-India* Company to raise Five or Six Millions, to purchase for Years the Duties on Tea, and all other Goods of the Growth and Manufactory of the *East-Indies*.

THE *East-India* Company, to increase their capital Stock two Millions, and to take in a Subscription for the said two Millions, at two hundred and fifty *per Cent.* or three hundred *per Cent.* to be paid at five or six several Payments, fifty *per Cent.* at each Payment.

The first Payment to be made at the Time of subscribing, on or before the twenty-fifth of *March* 1744. The second Payment, on or before the twenty-fourth of *June* next. The other three, or four Payments to be made every three Months. The Subscription Stock to be made transferrable after the first Payment.

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The Money that shall be raised to purchase the Duties on Tea, &c. for Years, to be applied to pay off the Money borrowed on the Duties on Tea, and other Goods of the Growth and Manufacture of the *East-Indies*, and other National Debts.

All Subscribers, that shall pay in their several Payments before the twenty-fourth of *June*, to be allowed five *per Cent.* Discount for the full Sum (of two hundred and fifty Pounds, or three hundred Pounds.

By Virtue of the Company's purchasing the Duties on Tea, &c. they may supply those foreign Countries with Tea, &c. who now daily import vast Quantities of Tea, and other Goods, of the Growth and Manufacture of the *East-Indies*, to the great Loss of the publick Revenue, the Honourable United *East-India* Company, and the Nation in general.



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To Raife Four Millions at Three *per Cent.* and for securing the Duties on Foreign and Domestick Spirituous Liquors, by granting Licences to the Wholesale Dealers in Spirituous Liquors, and laying a Duty of Twelve Pence a Gallon on the Retailers; by which Means the *Customs* and *Excise* may be increas'd Four Hundred Thousand Pounds a Year.

THE high Duties on several Commodities, have frequently been an Inducement, to those who are chargeable with the said high Duties, to think on Ways and Means how to defraud his Majesty.

To prevent Frauds in the Duties on Foreign and Domestick Spirituous Liquors, it is propos'd,

I. That every Wholesale Dealer shall pay * Pounds a Year for a Licence; to be granted by the

* A Hawker and Pedlar pays three pounds seventeen Shillings a Year for a Licence.

A Hackney-Coachman pays thirteen Pounds a Year.

A Dealer in Wines pays from forty Shillings to twenty Pounds a Year for a Wine Licence.

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Honourable Commissioners of the *Excise*, in the same Manner Licences are now granted by them to the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors; and, for the better securing the said Duty, the Licences to be stampd with the Duty at the *Stamp-Office* *.

2. Every Importer, Distiller, &c. that supplies a Retailer with Foreign or British Spirituous Liquors, to be deem'd a Wholesale Dealer.

3. The Retailers of Spirituous Liquors to be charged with a Duty of Pence a Gallon †.

4. A Wholesale Dealer shall not sell any Spirituous Liquors to any Person, but to a licens'd Retailer; nor a less Quantity than Gallons of any one Sort of Spirituous Liquors, with which he shall send a Permit sign'd by an Officer that keeps Stock on the Wholesale Dealer. The Officer to see the Quantity set down, and to whom sold, in a Book, to be provided every Month by the Honourable Commissioners of the *Excise*; which Book shall be returned into the *Excise-Office* every Month.

5. The Commissioners of the *Excise* to supply every licens'd Retailer of Spirituous Liquors with a Book every Month, to set down the Quantity of Spirituous Liquors they shall buy, and of whom bought. The

* Wine Licences, and Licences for Hawkers and Pedlars, are stampd at the *Stamp-Office*.

† Fifty thousand Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, selling four Gallons a Week (one with another) at twelve Pence a Gallon, the Duty will produce five hundred and twenty thousand Pounds a Year.

said Book to be return'd into the *Excise-Office* every Month, with the Permits, sign'd by the Officer of the *Excise*.

6. If any Retailers shall neglect setting down in the Book so provided, the Quantity of Spirituous Liquors, and of whom bought, to forfeit Pounds on Conviction before Justices of the Peace, one half to his Majesty, the other half to the Informer.

7. If any Retailer shall buy any Kind of Spirituous Liquors of any other Person than of a licens'd Wholesale Dealer, to forfeit Pounds, on Conviction before Justices of the Peace, one half to his Majesty, and the other half to the Informer.

8. If any Person, that is not a licens'd Wholesale Dealer, shall supply any Retailer, or any other Person, with any Kind of Spirituous Liquors, to forfeit Pounds on Conviction before Justices of the Peace, (who shall send the Offender to Goal, until the Penalty shall be paid) one half to his Majesty, the other half to the Informer.

9. Any Retailer of Spirituous Liquors, that shall voluntarily inform against any Wholesale Dealer, or any other Person, for supplying them with Spirituous Liquors without a Permit sign'd by a proper Officer, and the Duty charg'd, to be excused the Penalty they have incurred, and to be allowed one half of the Penalty on Conviction of the Offender before Justices of the Peace.

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10. If any Person shall buy any Spirituous Liquors of any other Person than of a licens'd Retailer, to forfeit twenty Shillings on Conviction before a Justice of the Peace, one half to the poor of the Parish, the other to the Informer.

N. B. If the laying of twelve pence a Gallon Duty on the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, should lessen the Consumption; then the Consumption of Beer, Ale, and the Woolen Manufactory would be increas'd, by the poor People becoming sober and industrious, from a State of Drunkeness and all Kind of Debauchery.



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PROPOSAL

For recovering Thirty Thousand Pounds,
and for Increasing the Stamp Duties Ten
Thousand Pounds a Year.

WHEREAS several Thousand Masters and Mistresses within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, have neglected paying the Duties of Six-pence and Twelve-pence in the Pound, on Money given with Clerks and Apprentices within the Time limited, (*viz.* One Month within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and two Months within the several Counties of *Great Britain*) have incurred the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, and the Money given with the Clerk or Apprentice; the Clerk and Apprentice are rendered incapable of following their Employments.

Several Masters and Mistresses having, through Ignorance, neglected paying the Duty within the Time limited, and being desirous of paying the said Duty, by their daily offering to pay the said Duty at the Stamp Office, where they refuse to take the Duty :

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1. It is proposed, that all Masters and Mistresses may be allowed to the 24 of *June*, 1744, to pay the said Duty.

2. If any Master or Mistress shall, after the 24th Day of *June*, 1744, neglect paying the Duty within the Time limited, then the Master or Mistress to pay double Duty, and to be excused the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, &c. unless an Information or Prosecution be brought against them before they offer to pay the double Duty.

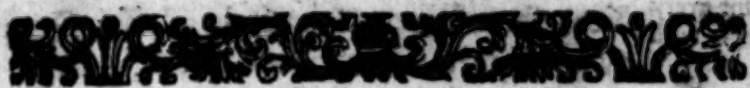
3. If any Clerk or Apprentice shall, after the 24th of *June*, 1744, pay, or cause to be paid, the double Duty his Master or Mistress have neglected to pay, then the Master or Mistress to be obliged to pay the Clerk or Apprentice the full Sum they have received for taking of their Apprentice, and the Clerk or Apprentice to be render'd capable of following their Business and Employment, and to enjoy the same Privilege as if they had served the full Time they were bound for by their Indentures.

4. Every Person that has had a Grant (since the first of *August*, 1714) of a Place or Employment exceeding Fifty Pounds a Year, that has neglected paying the Duty of six Pounds for a Treble Forty-shilling Stamp, to be excused the Penalty (*viz.* twenty-five Pounds) on Condition he pay the said Duty on or before the 25th of *March*, 1744.

5. Every Person that has had a Grant of a Place or Employment exceeding fifty Pounds a Year, who hath had a treble Six-penny Stamp on their Commission, Deputation, &c. instead of a Treble Forty-shilling Stamp, to be excused the Penalty of twenty-five Pounds, on Condition he or she does pay, or cause to be paid, six Pounds for a treble Forty, to be stamped on their Commission, Deputation, &c. on or before the 25th of *March*, 1744.

6. If any Person shall, after the 25th of *March*, 1744, have a grant of a Place or Employment exceeding fifty Pounds a Year, and shall neglect paying the Duty of six Pounds for a treble Forty-shilling, to be stamped on their Commission, Deputation, &c. to forfeit One hundred Pound, one Half to his Majesty, the other Half to the Informer.

N. B. Since the First of *August*, 1714, the Royal Family has lost One Hundred Thousand Pounds by the Neglect of Persons not paying the Treble Forty Shilling Stamp Duties.



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PROPOSAL

To raise Four Millions at Three *per Cent.* or Five hundred seventy thousand Pounds a Year, to pay off the Money borrowed on the *Pot-Act*, *Soap*, and *Candles*, without any additional Tax.

WHEREAS the Duty of Fifty Pounds a Year for a Licence, and twenty Shillings a Gallon, payable by the Retailers of a lesser Quantity of Spirits than two Gallons, hath not prevented Drunkenness, &c. amongst the common People, notwithstanding the Encouragement given for Informations by the Honourable Commissioners of the Excise, and the Worshipful Justices of the Peace of the County of *Middlesex* and *Westminster*.

To prevent Drunkenness, &c. amongst the common People, and for raising Five hundred seventy thousand Pounds a Year, it is propos'd,

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1. That

Twenty Shillings for every Licence, will raise Fifty thousand Pounds a Year

1. That the Duty of Fifty Pounds a Year for a Licence to retale a lesser Quantity of Spirits than two Gallons, may be reduced to Shillings a Year; which Licence may be stamp'd with the Duty at the *Stamp-Office*, (without any Expence) and granted by the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties of *Great Britain*, in the same Manner Ale-Licences are granted every Year: The Honourable Commissioners of the Stamp-Duties to supply the Distributers of Stamp-Goods in every County with these Licences.

2. If any Person shall retale a lesser Quantity of Spirits than two Gallons, without a Licence stamp'd with the Duty, to forfeit Pounds, one Half to the Informer, the other Half to be paid to the Minister and Church-Wardens, to be laid out within Days in our Woollen Manufacturies, to cloathe poor People of the Parish where the Offence was committed.

3. The Officers of the Excise to be impowered to demand of any Person that retales any kind of Spirits, to see their Licence; on their Refusal, to complain to a Justice of the Peace, who shall summon them to appear before him with their Licence. If they shall not appear within Days, to forfeit Pounds, one Half to the Officer, the other Half to cloathe poor People.

Fifty thousand Retailers selling 4 Gal-

The Duty of twenty Shillings a Gallon (now payable by the licens'd Retailers

talers of Spirituous Liquors) to be reduced to Pence a Gallon, and to be paid by the Importers and Distillers of *British Spirits of the first Extraction*, within a Calendar Month after sold.

lons a Week, (one with another at 12d. a Gallon; the Duty will produce Five hundred and twenty thousand Pounds a Year.

5. The Importers of foreign Spirits, and Distillers of Spirits of the first Extraction, not to sell a lesser Quantity of any one kind of Spirits, than

The Importers of Foreign Spirits not being charg'd with the Reduced Duty of

Gallons, to any one Person, with which they shall send a Permit, sign'd by an Officer of the Excise; who shall then charge the Importer, &c. with the reduced Duty of Pence a Gallon.

Pence a Gallon untill sold.

6. If any Importer or Distiller of Spirits of the first Extraction shall send out of their Houses, Vaults, Cellars, &c. any kind of Spirits without a Permit, or before they

Will effectually prevent the Running of Foreign Spirits.

shall enter in a Book (to be provided by the Honourable Commissioners of the Excise) the Quantity, and to whom sold; to forfeit Pounds: One Half to the Informer, the other Half to cloathe poor People.

7. If any Person shall receive any kind of Spirits into their Houses, &c. exceeding two Gallons, without a Permit sign'd by an Officer of the Excise, to forfeit Pounds; one Half to the Informer, the other Half to cloathe the Poor.

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8. The taking off the Duty of Twenty Shillings a Gallon from the Retailers of a lesser Quantity of Spirit than two Gallons, and the reducing the Duty of Fifty Pounds a Year for a Licence, to Twenty Shillings a Year, will not only enable them to pay His Majesty Fifty Thousand Pounds a Year, but their Landlords their Rent, Parish-Taxes, &c. who are now liable to be ruin'd by Fines and Imprisonments, as several Hundreds of House-keepers have been, within these four Years past; to the great Loss of Landlords of Houses, Brewers, &c. within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and Parts adjacent.

N. B. From the 2d of *August*, 1739, to the 3d of *August*, 1740, Fifty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-seven Ale-Licences were stamp'd.

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BEFORE the next Sessions of Parliament, will be publish'd, PROPOSALS to raise his Majesty an ample Supply for the Year 1745, without a Land-Tax.